

Area Highlights

Engelmann Woods Natural Area is a 148-acre natural area in Franklin County. This area features old-growth forest, striking fall colors and spring wildflowers. For decades, Engelmann Woods has been preserved as one of the last examples of the old-growth forests that once covered the uplands adjacent to the Missouri River. The richer forest communities of the natural area occur on north- and east-facing slopes where loess deposits are several feet thick. Dominant trees include red oak, white oak, white ash, basswood and sugar maple. Some of the larger trees are three feet in diameter, 100 feet tall and approach an age of 200 years. Pawpaw and spicebush are common understory shrubs of the bottomland forest communities. The drier west- and south-facing slopes are dominated by chinkapin oak at the canopy level with flowering dogwood and serviceberry in the understory. These drier sites were historically more open woodland due to the common occurrence of wildfire. Some of these sites are currently being restored to historic conditions by thinning trees and controlled burning. These activities will encourage sensitive plants and animals to return to these sites.

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Hiking – Outdoor Photography
Wildlife Viewing

Engelmann Woods Natural Area is closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.

- Hunting and target shooting are prohibited.
- Camping is prohibited.
- Bicycling and horseback riding are prohibited.
- Pets and hunting dogs are prohibited.
- Motor vehicles are allowed in parking areas only.
- Taking of edible wild greens is prohibited.
- Nuts, berries, fruits and mushrooms may be taken for personal use only. Digging, cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.

- Collecting wildlife is prohibited.
- A 1.5-mile hiking trail leads visitors through the natural area.

Engelmann Woods Natural Area is located in Franklin County, 3 miles east of Labadie on Route T.

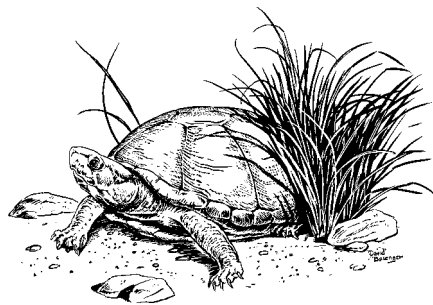
Nearby Department Areas

Rockwoods Reservation
Howell Island Conservation Area
Weldon Spring Conservation Area

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
2360 Highway D
St. Charles, MO 63304
636/441-4554

Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

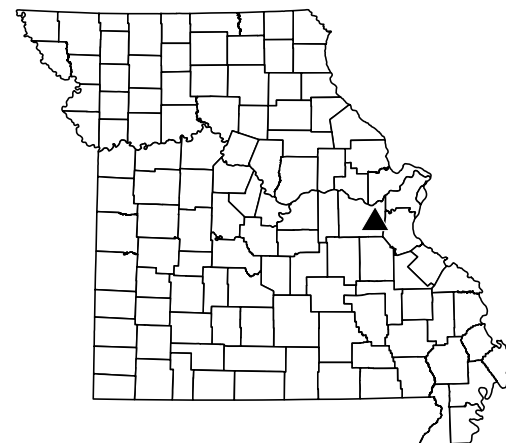


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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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